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SUBJECT: CU/ARTS-GATEMOUTH BROWN AND GATE'S EXPRESS

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1. REGRET POST IS ONLY A TOUR ALTERNATIVE AT PRESENT AS WE BELIEVE A CP SUCH AS GATESMOUTH BROWN AND GATE'S EXPRESS WOULD BE SMASH HIT IN KHARTOUM. AS REF B POINTED OUT, POST WISHES PROGRAM A MAJOR CP THIS YEAR AND IN THE NEWLY-BUILT, AIRCONDITIONED FRIENDSHIP HALL WE HAVE AN IDEAL VENUE FOR SUCH A PROGRAM. FRIENDSHIP HALL WITH 1200 PLUSH SEATS HAS EXCELLENT PIANO AVAILABLE, PLUS MODERN STAGE WITH FULL ELECTRICAL OUTLETS, FINE LIGHTING AND LATEST SOUND EQUIPMENT.

2. IF CP BECOMES AVAILABLE, POST PLANS ONE PUBLIC CONCERT AT FRIENDSHIP HALL AND ONE PRESTIGE, INVITATION-ONLY PERFORMANCE EITHER AT FRIENDSHIP HALL OR OTHER LOCATION--POSSIBLY RESIDENCE. LATTER HAS GOOD OUTDOOR SETTING FOR SUCH A PERFORMANCE.

3. POST BELIEVES CP AT THIS TIME WOULD DOVETAIL PERFECTLY WITH RENEWAL OF FULL RELATIONS FOLLOWING PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S JUNE VISIT TO US, PLANNED RESUMPTION MAJOR AID PROGRAM AND LARGE INCREASE AMERICAN PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN SUDAN.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. BOGOSIAN

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